

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 17 to 19 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, add new Claims 27 and 28, and amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as currently pending in the application, read as follows:

1. to 19. (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) A user apparatus that communicates with a print management apparatus via a network, comprising:

[[use]] using condition transmitting means for transmitting [[use]] using conditions to the print management apparatus;

print shop information obtaining means for obtaining print shop information of ~~first~~ candidate print shops from said print management apparatus in accordance with said [[use]] using conditions;

print setting obtaining means for obtaining a print setting to be included in a print order;

screen information forming means for forming screen information on the basis of the print shop information of the ~~first~~ candidate print shops and the obtained print setting so that the formed screen information indicates whether each print shop of the print shop information of the ~~first~~ candidates is selectable or not; ~~not so as to promote selection of a print shop which is allowed to output a print order; and~~

selection accepting means for accepting a designation of selecting print shop information from the print shop information displayed on the basis of the formed screen information; and

print order ~~transmitting~~ forming means for ~~transmitting~~ forming the print order, including ~~[[a]] the designation of a selected print shop, to said print management apparatus.~~

21. (Previously Presented) A user apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the screen information forming means forms the screen information so that a selectable print shop is displayed and a non-selectable print shop is not displayed.

22. (Currently Amended) A user apparatus according to claim 20, ~~further comprising a~~ wherein the print order forming means further forms ~~for forming the~~ print order ~~to be transmitted to said print management apparatus~~ on the basis of print target data formed by an application.

23. (Currently Amended) A print management apparatus that communicates with a user apparatus via a network, comprising:

~~[[use]]~~ using condition receiving means for receiving ~~[[use]]~~ using conditions from said user apparatus;

print shop information ~~transmitting~~ searching means for ~~transmitting~~ searching print shop information of ~~first candidate print shops to said user apparatus~~ in accordance with the received ~~[[use]]~~ using conditions; ~~[[and]]~~

candidate print shop transmitting means for transmitting print shop information of candidate print shops searched by the print shop information searching means to said user apparatus; and

a print order receiving means for receiving a print order, including a designation of a selected print shop, from said user apparatus,

wherein the designation of the selected print shop included with the print order is selected in the user apparatus from screen information formed on the basis of the print shop information of the ~~first~~ candidate print shops transmitted to the user apparatus and a print setting obtained by the user apparatus so that the formed screen information indicates whether each print shop of the print shop information of the ~~first~~ candidates is selectable or not so as to promote selection of a print shop which is allowed to output the print order.

24. (Currently Amended) An information processing system for processing information between a user apparatus and a print management apparatus through communication via a network,

wherein said print management apparatus comprises:

[[use]] using condition receiving means for receiving [[use]] using conditions from said user apparatus; [[and]]

print shop information ~~transmitting~~ searching means for ~~transmitting~~ searching print shop information of ~~first~~ candidate print shops ~~to said user apparatus~~ in accordance with the received [[use]] using conditions; ~~conditions~~; and

candidate print shop transmitting means for transmitting print shop information of candidate print shops searched by the print shop information searching means to said user apparatus, and

wherein said user apparatus comprises:

print setting obtaining means for obtaining a print setting to be included in a print order;

screen information forming means for forming screen information on the basis of the print shop information of the ~~first~~ candidate print shops transmitted by the candidate print shop transmitting means and the obtained print setting so that the formed screen information indicates whether each print shop of said print shop information of the ~~first~~ candidate print shops is selectable or not; ~~not so as to promote selection of a print shop which is allowed to output a print order; and~~

selection accepting means for accepting a designation of selecting print shop information from the print shop information displayed on the basis of the formed screen information; and

a print order ~~transmitting~~ forming means for ~~transmitting~~ forming the print order, including ~~[[a]] the designation of a selected print shop, to said print management apparatus.~~

25. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium on which is stored a computer-executable program for causing a user apparatus that communicates with a print management apparatus via a network to execute a print control process, said print control process comprising:

a ~~[[use]]~~ using condition transmitting step of the user apparatus transmitting ~~[[use]]~~ using conditions to the print management apparatus;

a print shop information obtaining step of the user apparatus obtaining print shop information of ~~first~~ candidate print shops from said print management apparatus in accordance with the ~~[[use]]~~ using conditions;

a print setting obtaining step of the user apparatus obtaining a print setting to be included in an print order;

a screen information forming step of the user apparatus forming screen information on the basis of the print shop information of the ~~first~~ candidate print shops and the obtained print setting so that the formed screen information indicates whether each print shop of the print shop information of the ~~first~~ candidates is selectable or ~~not; not so as~~ to promote selection of a print shop which is allowed to output a print order; and

a selection accepting step of the user apparatus accepting a designation of selecting print shop information from the print shop information displayed on the basis of the formed screen information; and

a print order ~~transmitting~~ forming step of ~~transmitting~~ the user apparatus forming the print order, including ~~[[a]]~~ the designation of a selected print ~~shop. shop;~~ to said print management apparatus.

26. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium on which is stored a computer-executable program for causing a print management apparatus that communicates with a user apparatus via a network to execute a print control process, said print control process comprising:

a ~~[[use]]~~ using condition receiving step of receiving, by the print management apparatus, using ~~[[use]]~~ conditions from said user apparatus;

a print shop information ~~transmitting~~ searching step of ~~transmitting the print management apparatus searching~~ print shop information of ~~first~~ candidate print shops to ~~said user apparatus~~ in accordance with the received ~~[[use]]~~ using conditions; ~~[[and]]~~

a candidate print shop transmitting step of the print management apparatus transmitting print shop information of candidate print shops to said user apparatus; and

a print order receiving step of the print management apparatus receiving a print order, including a designation of a selected print shop, from said user apparatus,

wherein the designation of the selected print shop included with the print order is selected in the user apparatus from screen information formed on the basis of the print shop information of the ~~first~~ candidate print shops transmitted to the user apparatus by the candidate print shop transmitting step and a print setting obtained by the user apparatus so that the formed screen information indicates whether each print shop of the print shop information of the ~~first~~ candidates is selectable or not so as to promote selection of a print shop which is allowed to output the print order.

27. (New) A computer-executable control method of a user apparatus that communicates with a print management apparatus via a network, comprising:

a using condition transmitting step of the user apparatus transmitting using conditions to the print management apparatus;

a print shop information obtaining step of the user apparatus obtaining print shop information of candidate print shops from said print management apparatus in accordance with the using conditions;

a print setting obtaining step of the user apparatus obtaining a print setting to be included in an print order;

a screen information forming step of the user apparatus forming screen information on the basis of the print shop information of the candidate print shops and the obtained print setting so that the formed screen information indicates whether each print shop of the print shop information of the candidates is selectable or not;

a selection accepting step of the user apparatus accepting a designation of selecting print shop information from the print shop information displayed on the basis of the formed screen information; and

a print order forming step of the user apparatus forming the print order, including the designation of a selected print shop.

28. (New) A computer-executable control method of a print management apparatus that communicates with a user apparatus via a network, comprising:

a using condition receiving step of the print management apparatus receiving using conditions from said user apparatus;

a print shop information searching step of the print management apparatus searching print shop information of candidate print shops in accordance with the received using conditions,

a candidate print shop transmitting step of the print management apparatus transmitting print shop information of candidate print shops to said user apparatus; and

a print order receiving step of the print management apparatus receiving a print order, including a designation of a selected print shop, from said user apparatus,

wherein the designation of the selected print shop included with the print order is selected in the user apparatus from screen information formed on the basis of the print shop information of the candidate print shops transmitted to the user apparatus by the candidate print shop transmitting step and a print setting obtained by the user apparatus so that the formed screen information indicates whether each print shop of the print shop information of the candidates is selectable or not so as to promote selection of a print shop which is allowed to output the print order.